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PART I



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Law (H) Department

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Attention of the notaries is invited to rule 11 of the Notaries Rules, 1956 regarding the periodical inspection of the Registers of Notaries. As per rule 11(5) every notary shall permit such Officer as the appropriate Government from time to time appoint in this behalf to inspect his register at such time not often than twice a year as the officer may fix. The officers appointed by the State Government will have power to lodge a report to the appropriate Government for taking action against a notary.

2. During the inspection of the registers of notaries it has come to the notice of the Government that some of the notaries did not produce their notarial registers for inspection.

3. It is also noticed that some of the notaries have continued their notarial practice even after their permitted period of practice. Government have renewed their Certificate of Practice with retrospective effect subsequently.

4. As per section 9 of the Notaries Act, 1952 no person shall practice as a Notary or do any notarial act under the official seal of a notary unless he holds the Certificate of Practice in force issued to him.

5. Hence, all the notaries are directed to comply with the directions contained in the rule strictly. Non-production of Notarial Registers for inspection and doing notarial works without having valid Certificate of Practice will be treated as disqualification for the renewal of Certificate of Practice.

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